(b) if so, the number of companies in India which are offering/proposing to offer such guarantees;

(c) the role of Government in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance and Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India have informed that their member companies are not offering "Money Back Guarantee" in case expensive drugs do not work on patients. Besides this, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) have informed that as per the information available with them, no Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Pharmaceuticals companies are giving such offers.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Adulteration of vegetables with hazardous materials

1400. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the media reports on the wide spread adulteration of the vegetables with material hazardous for human consumption despite presence of local authorities;

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained the accountability of the concerned local authorities with the respective Governments;

(c) what are the provisions available to the Central Government to seek appropriate preventive steps from the respective State Government in this respect; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure effective implementation of existing laws to prevent adulteration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Demand of ration

1401. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand of ration items made by Rajasthan for distribution through PDS to BPL during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total supply thereof, made available to the State and whether it was according to norms; and

(c) the justification for short supply, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) Commodity-wise position of ration items allocated under PDS is as follows:—

Foodgrains: Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the Central Government makes an allocation of foodgrains @ 35 kgs. per BPL family per month on the basis of number of ration cards issued by the States/Union Territories (UTs) or the number of households worked out on the basis of poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94 and the population projection of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 whichever is less.

The demands made by the State Government have been considered in keeping with the aforesaid criteria. The number of BPL families/ration card holders in the State of Rajasthan are as follows:—

(Figures in lacs)

Total Number of Families (as on 1.3.2000) accepted by this Ministry for allocations	
AAY	BPL
9.32	14.99

Details of the allocation of foodgrains (wheat and rice) made for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families (including the Antyodaya Anna Yojana) for the last three years are as below:—

(in 000'tonnes)

Year		BPL+AAY	
		Allocation	Offtake
2004-05	Wheat	949.488	881.981
	Rice	11.052	0.345
2005-06	Wheat	854.003	749.450
	Rice	79.397	20.690
2006-07	Wheat	808.766	760.315
	Rice	212.254	104.584

Based on the allocation criterion, full allocations were made for all entitled BPL families in the State.

Levy Sugar: The levy sugar allocation to every State/Union Territory is made as per the quota fixed by the Central Government. The levy sugar quota of Rajasthan is 7342 MTs per month besides annual festival quota of 5092 MTs. Details of the allocation of levy sugar made for the State of Rajasthan are as below:—

(In 000' tonnes)

Sugar Season	Qty. of levy sugar allocated
2004-05	83.92
2005-06	24.00
2006-07	55.37

During the period August, 2005 to May, 2007, the allocation of levy sugar to Rajasthan was not made as per the quota fixed for Rajasthan due to poor lifting by the State Government from the concerned sugar mills.

PDS Kerosene: Allocation of TPDS kerosene is made by the Government of India to States/Union Territories on a quarterly basis for distribution under Public Distribution System to BPL families. The details of allocation for last three years to Rajasthan are given below:—

(Quantity in MTs)

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
396500	398913	398913

Prices of edible oils

1402. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the average wholesale and retail prices of edible oils, namely mustard, groundnut and palm oil, etc., as prevailed month-wise since 2001-02 upto June, 2007;

(b) whether the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) has asked the Department of Consumer Affairs and PDS to formulate a scheme for selling edible oil and pulses through public distribution system at subsidised rates;

(c) if so, the details of the CoS's advice;

(d) whether scheme pursuant to that advice has since formulated;

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating current status of its implementation; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The average wholesale prices of mustard oil, groundnut oil and palm oil and retail prices of mustard oil and groundnut oil are given in Statement I, II, III, IV and V (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.